

What is claimed is:

1. A method for triggering a restraining device (6, 7) in a vehicle, at least one parameter being determined based on data from a precrash sensor system (1-3), wherein the intensity of the triggering of the restraining device (6, 7) is a function of the value of the at least one parameter.

2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the at least one parameter is the offset of the expected point of impact from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and/or the expected angle of impact with the obstacle and/or the expected speed of impact and/or the expected time of impact.

3. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein the intensity is reduced when objects are periodically recognized.

4. A device for triggering a restraining device in a vehicle comprising a control unit (5) for determining at least one parameter based on data from a precrash sensor system (1-3), which outputs at least one output signal for triggering the restraining device as a function of the at least one parameter, wherein means (4) are provided which are configured in such a manner that the intensity of the triggering of the restraining device (6, 7) is a function of the value of the at least one parameter.

5. The device as recited in Claim 4, wherein the restraining device (6, 7) is a reversible restraining device.